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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): HONBO, et al.
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For: NON-AQUEOUS SECONDARY BATTERY
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 20, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 20001
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 7-9, 33, 35-37 and 39 without
prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims remaining in the
application as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing graphite powder
adapted to be an active material of a lithium battery negative
electrode, comprising the steps of:

pulverizing raw graphite, to produce pulverized
graphite having a crystalline structure which is at least 30%
by weight rhombohedral crystalline structure and at most 70%
by weight hexagonal crystalline structure;

sieving said pulverized graphite to recover graphite
powder having a maximum particle diameter of 100 μm ;

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